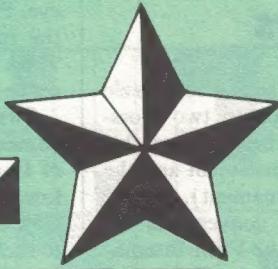


THE 4 STAR PUZZLER



Crossword Tournament

EMILY COX AND
HENRY RATHVON

The new *Four-Star* editors attended their first crossword puzzle contest March 5-7: The Fifth Annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament, sponsored by the Marriott Hotel in Stamford, CT. The activities of this weekend-long affair were divided between evening games and daytime competitions. The games were lighthearted and even slap-happy at times, while the competitions—taken very seriously by a number of the solvers—created an atmosphere of real tension that culminated in a thrilling final playoff.

In competing for the first prize of \$400 (and undisputed glory in the world of puzzledom), contenders were seated in the Marriott's main ballroom, which had been outfitted like a school gym at exam time—with long tables and cardboard dividers to ensure privacy (or prevent peeking). Before the start of the contest on Saturday morning, the crowd of over 130 competitors milled nervously about in the Marriott lobby, many of the solvers limbering up as athletes would do—in this case cerebrally, by solving crosswords. The daily papers were all sold out in the lobby as jittery cruciverbalists primed their brains by racing through the 15×15 puzzles.

As the contest started, the resemblance to SAT exams was notable. Puzzles were handed out like tests, face down; solvers leapt into action at a given signal and penciled furiously while a huge clock in the front of the room ticked off the minutes. Tournament emcee Will Shortz kept people aware of the time by intoning, "Ten minutes to go . . . nine minutes . . . eight." The two *Four-Star* editors sat in the back of the room and

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1 Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

K. M. PASKERT

Quite a number of famous guests are in attendance at this month's Four-Star Banquet at the Fantasy Club. Some of them have come a long way to be here: from distant realms of legend, myth, literary fiction—even from far-flung Nashville, Tennessee. By looking at the various accoutrements they have left in the cloakroom, can you deduce the names of all the guests?

Answers, page 14

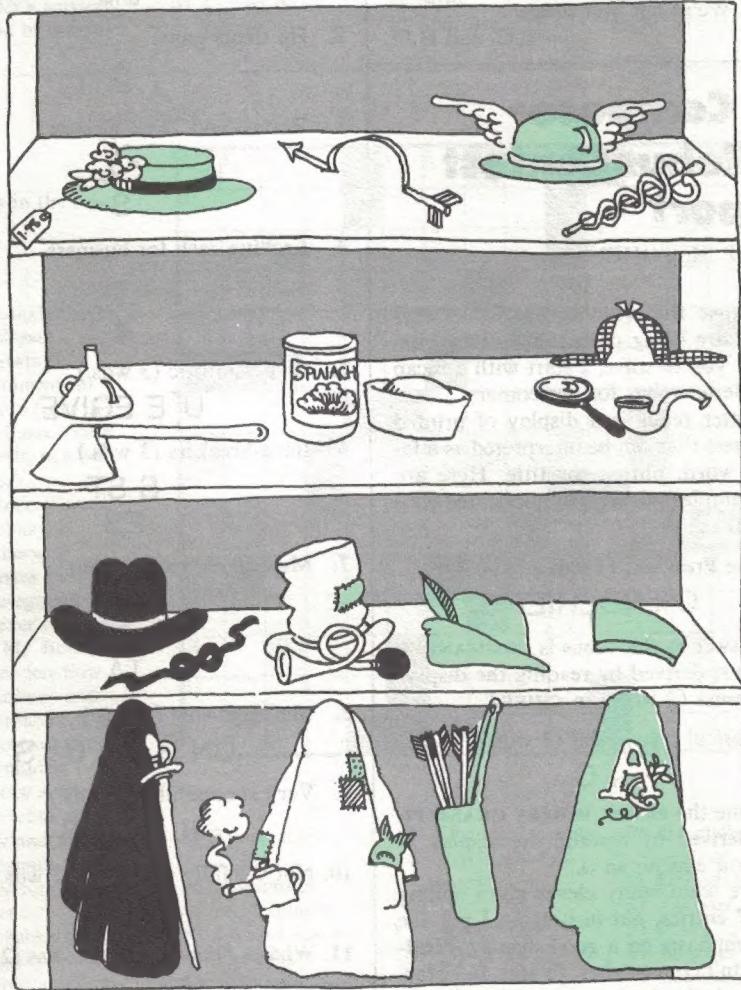


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For Starters

This has been a busy season for puzzle get-togethers. In addition to two crossword solving contests held earlier this spring (Grossinger's tournament and the Stamford Marriott tournament), we are aware of several other conventions for puzzle-minded people: the Fifth International Puzzle Party, held April 3 at the home of Jerry Slocum in Beverly Hills, CA; the first Midwest Crossword Puzzle Tournament, held May 22 at Chicago's Conrad Hilton; and, in England, "The Enjoyment of Crosswords," an affair billed as "an informal weekend houseparty for middle-brow enthusiasts," taking place May 21-23 at Attingham Park, Shrewsbury.

Readers who made themselves at home with our first (April) issue were treated to a few little practical jokes. Besides the deliberate Foolishness, there were two errors that may have caused some solvers unexpected perplexity. In "Hardcase," there should be no "widow," only O'Keefe's wife; in "Star Trek," clue 1-Down has a flawed anagram. We hope these goofs (both ours, not the contributors') were not construed as intentional tricks. We're not *that* mean.

—E.C. and H.R.

2 Compose-A-Rebus Contest Report

PHILIP M. COHEN

Because the winning entries of this contest are being presented as new puzzles for you to solve, I start with a recap of the letter rebus for newcomers.

A letter rebus is a display of printed characters that can be interpreted as a familiar word, phrase, or title. Here are two examples taken from duplicated contest entries.

Ex: The President (3 wds.)

CH, NDERIEF

The answer to this rebus is COMMANDER IN CHIEF, derived by reading the display as "comma (,) NDER in CHIEF."

Ex: Musical instrument (3 wds.)

grπ O

This time the answer is BABY GRAND PIANO, derived by reading the display as "baby GR and pi; an O."

There were many clever clues among the 357 entries, but in judging I put the main emphasis on a good display. Neatness didn't count either, though Jed Martinez's nicely drawn entries struck the

eye. Phonetic rebuses were disallowed by the rules, so entries like NCO for PICTURE OF INNOCENCE ("picture of, in NO, cence [cents]") were disqualified.

First prize of Gabriel's Deluxe Tournament Othello set goes to Wincy Peirce of Devon, PA, whose rebus is given below (numbered 1.). A *Games Galore* puzzle book by the editors of *Games* goes to each of the ten runners-up (listed in reverse alphabetical order in my small blow against start-of-the-alphabet chauvinism): Jean Tintle, Pompton Lakes, NJ (rebus 2. below); Jed Martinez, Elmont, NY (3.); James Madden, Northampton, MA (4.); Alyne Klotz, McComb, MS (5.); Victoria L. Edgar, Madison, KS (6.); Marge Deibel, Mt. Pleasant, MI (7.); Jessica Davidson, New Fairfield, CT (8.); Fred Culp, Chillicothe, OH (9.); Roy A. Coombs, W. Palm Beach, FL (10.); and Marshall T. Baker, Aurora, CO (11.).

Here's a parting quotation from Congreve for you to think on as you work through the displays: "O ay, letters—I had letters—I am persecuted with letters—I hate letters."

Answers, page 14

1. Saying about suckers (5 wds.)

b/ne

2. He treats gums

T = T

3. Romeo and Juliet (2 wds.)

* L
S

4. Lacking cash for business

I
Z

5. Be pessimistic (3 wds.)

U'E EGIVE

6. Bone-breakers (3 wds.)

S ST
ES

7. Musical classic (2 wds.)

MO
S
TA

8. Marriage vow (5 wds.)

UN H DO U S

9. Very successfully (3 wds.)

LL COL/S

10. Not yet fully protected (2 wds.)

PXTP

11. What a *Four-Star* reader has (2 wds.)

EMGZion

Rebus Cartoons

A Four-Star Contest

Grand Prize: "Merlin" electronic game from Parker Brothers, Inc.

10 Runner-Up Prizes: "Eye Cue" crossword solving aid from Squaw Brook Enterprises

Contest Puzzles This Issue: 3, 6, 16, 17, 31, 32, 33, 37, 46, 47, 57, 58, and 59

How to Solve: The caption above each cartoon gives the category and number of letters of the answer, which is hidden phonetically in the cartoon in one or more of the following ways:

1. Words or hyphenated syllables actually spoken by the cartoon characters or appearing in the cartoon;

2. Synonyms of words spoken or appearing in the cartoon;

3. Names of prominent objects in the picture;

4. Isolated letters in the picture;

5. Words implied by the action or subject of the scene.

Olympic Event: 6, 5



For example, the answer to the cartoon at left is hammer throw, sounded out by the implied HAM, the pictured EARTH, and the written word ROW (HAM-EARTH-ROW).

How to Enter: On a postcard or back of an envelope, print the answers with phonetic explanations to as many June rebuses as you can solve. Send to "Rebus Puzzles," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Answers must be received by June 30, 1982.

Winning: The winner will be the reader who correctly solves the most cartoons. Those who submit the ten next best entries will be runners-up. In case of ties, winners will be chosen by random drawing. Answers and winners' names will appear in the September issue.

3 Fictional Character: 7, 4



4 Wish U Were Here

HENRY HOOK

ACROSS

1 D.C. org. since 1890
 4 This'll hold the mayo
 7 Dumbstruck
 13 Contenders for the gold
 16 A mere bag o' shells
 17 *Start of a riddle*
 18 *More of riddle*
 19 They may jackknife
 20 Pig Latin pigsty
 22 Vesper, in verse
 23 I might stand for this
 24 Flagpoles, maybe
 25 Co-founder of Dadaism
 26 Egg container
 28 Spot
 29 Washer's companion
 31 "Sealed with ____"
 33 Eos' counterpart
 34 *End of riddle*
 37 *Start of the answer*

38 Little darlings

39 Mathis hit
 40 Cooperstown's Wagner
 41 Palm tree starch
 42 Chalcedony type
 46 Edgar Kennedy role
 47 Summary
 48 Caviar, essentially
 49 Snitch
 50 Early bird's wake-up time
 51 Black Maria, e.g.
 53 *More of answer*
 55 *End of answer*
 57 Jail
 58 Long-time cohort of Cronkite
 59 Farmer, at times
 60 Spade, e.g.
 61 Poor grade

DOWN

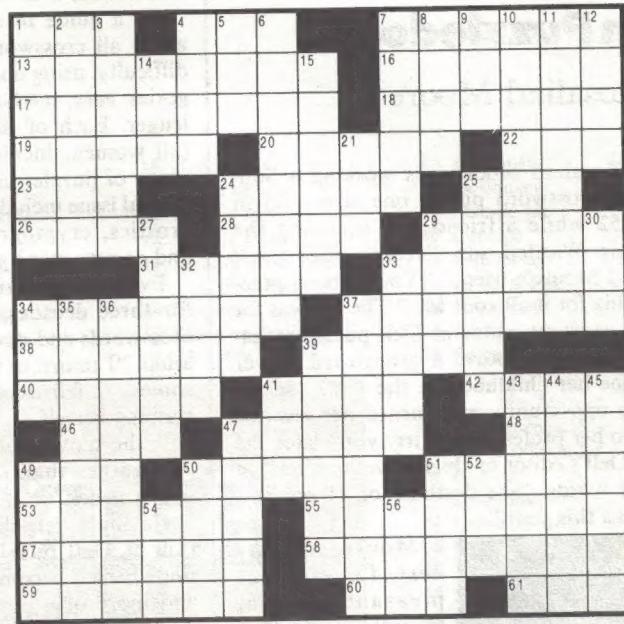
1 Gold rush boom town in 1898
 33 Man of morals

2 Odysseus' egeria
 3 Nash's unorthodoxies
 4 Heavyweight champ Willard, 1915-19
 5 Ct. VIP
 6 Ready to go on
 7 Cartography collection
 8 *Cabaret* star
 9 Grammy winner
 10 Gaston's words to Alphonse
 11 Unexpected successes
 12 Forktailed flyer
 14 CCLX ÷ V
 15 Detects
 21 Harper Valley grp.
 24 Injures severely
 25 Splendid shows
 27 Begin, as an instrument
 29 Channel
 30 Actress Charlotte
 32 Jailer's janglers

34 Librarian's reprimand
 35 Start of 39-Across
 36 Promptly
 37 Crimes of passion?

39 Parrots' kin
 41 Freud's field
 43 Had words
 44 Kazootie of early TV
 45 Strip
 47 Staircase part

49 Journalist Jacob
 50 "Why not?"
 51 Sound of impact
 52 People of Assam
 54 One soap bubble?
 56 Dam good idea in '33



5 Turning Points

MIKE SHENK

The center word in the diagram is unclued. The letters in the other eight shaded squares will give you further directions.

ACROSS

1 Hawk's delights
 5 Sometime Jimenez
 9 Gepetto's goldfish
 13 Neighbor
 14 They can be inflated
 15 Rides the main
 16 Home for Yaz
 18 Moviedom's Marty
 19 Shreds
 20 Quits
 22 Reinforced, as a catheter
 24 Man of action
 25 Afore
 26 Of Vesuvius et al.
 30 Originator of the seventh-inning stretch
 33 Better
 34 Hound or bug
 35 Stringine question?
 36 See Instructions
 38 Merino Ms.

39 Televise

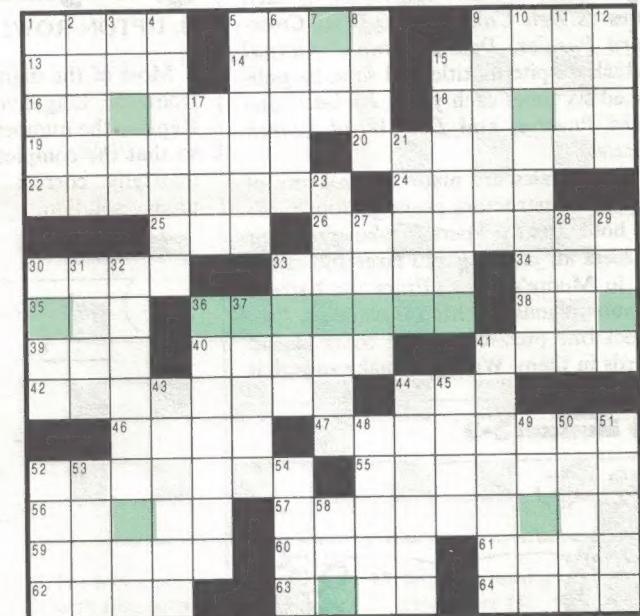
40 Tony's relatives
 41 Believers
 42 Becomes more upright
 44 Take-away game
 46 Bustles
 47 George Gervin's group
 52 Translator's forte
 55 Australia, New Zealand, et al.
 56 Swinging Sultan's following?
 57 Spring sticker
 59 Nonpareils
 60 In blue waters
 61 Head of Interpol? Ivan
 62 Producer-director
 63 Dictator
 64 Play shutterbug

DOWN

1 Drifts buoyantly
 2 Symbol of redness
 3 Taxi destination

4 Studio hopeful

5 Delegate
 6 Showing astonishment
 7 Word from the mailman's oath
 8 Grills, in a way
 9 Pitch
 10 "Ropes," to ballplayers
 11 Otherwise
 12 Blokes with 'ouseguests
 15 Oliver's request of Mr. Bumble
 17 Flanders flow
 21 Anthony and Barbara
 23 Most subject to mildew
 27 Straw ammo
 28 Ebbet or eft
 29 Liz and Dick, e.g.
 30 Beginning of a Moore poem
 31 Get ____ (hope of backers)
 32 Supply an early solution to

**33 Tyrant from Koboko**

44 Olympic beverage
 45 Psychiatrist's words
 36 Evasions of responsibility
 37 Like 30-Across
 41 Passes on
 43 Whodunit awards

44 Olympic beverage

50 Gaucho's accessory
 51 Orchid tuber
 52 Tugboat greeting
 53 Point ____ return
 54 Bleacher feature
 58 Lunkhead

Who's Who in Puzzledom

Rosalind Moore

Rosalind Moore was working a Sunday crossword puzzle one afternoon in 1952 while a friend was scanning the Help Wanted ads. "Here's your job," said Moore's friend. "You've been practicing for it all your life." The job was for an assistant editor at Dell puzzle magazines and Moore, a crossword solver since her childhood in the 1930s, seized the opportunity and turned her pastime into her profession. Thirty years later she is Dell's editor in chief, "overlooking," in her words, "the destinies of 84 publications this year."

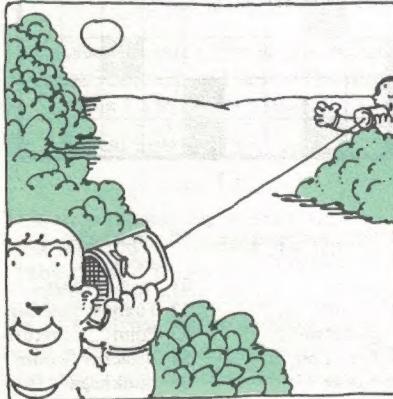


Moore, an earnest, forceful but pleasant woman, proudly notes that Dell's puzzle magazines are "the largest selling in the world," but, conscious of marketplace rivals, she declines to cite

circulation figures. Nevertheless, even the most insatiable puzzle fan would be hard pressed to keep up with Dell's prodigious output of magazines, led by such titles as *Dell Crossword*, *Official Crossword Puzzles*, *Dell Crossword Annual* (which despite its title will soon be published six times each year), *Pocket Crossword Puzzles*, and *Dell Word Search Puzzles*.

The puzzles are made by an army of regular constructors ranging from modest hobbyists to expert free-lancers, their dossiers all jammed into large file drawers in Moore's office. From the barrage of submissions, as Moore explains, "we select our puzzles on the basis of the words in them. We try to make sure that

6 Musical: 3-3



any unknowable, such as an obscure Pacific island, is crossed with a gettable."

As a guide to solvers, Dell's editors grade all crosswords according to their difficulty, using one of the following categories: easy, medium, hard, expert, challenger. Each of the twelve Dell editors (all women, incidentally) edits the full range of puzzles in a single magazine. A typical issue includes crosswords, double-crostics, cryptograms, word searches, and variety word games.

Even after editing puzzle magazines for three decades, Moore still turns to crosswords and double-crostics for relaxation. "I return to my love at night," she smiles. "I fall asleep over puzzles." Describing herself as "only an average solver," she moves through a puzzle "with care rather than speed," and, yes, she uses a pencil.

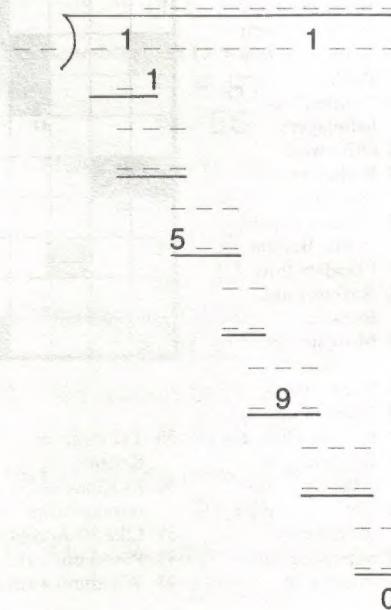
Having taken charge of the top position at Dell puzzle magazines, Moore finds herself becoming "less of an editor and more of a boss," but she retains a deep personal interest in the concerns of Dell's readers and contributors. "These are my children," she says, tapping a five-inch pile of letters on her desk. "Nothing gets fluffed off here." Firmly in command, Rosalind Moore continues to be as loyal to puzzle fans as they are to Dell magazines.

—ROBERT D. SPURRIER

7 Digititis

B. UPTON-ROWLEY

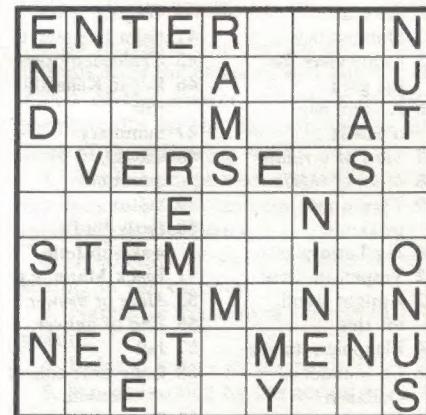
Most of the digits have been removed from the long-division problem below. Replace the numbers, one digit per dash, so that the completed division is mathematically correct. The puzzle has a unique solution.



8 Missing Links

GARY DISCH

The kriss-kross grid below isn't quite finished. The 15 letters beneath it can be inserted to form a pattern of common words across and down. Can you find the unique solution?



A A A B C C D G
L O P R S S T

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9 On the Line

Diagramless Crossword

STEPHANIE SPADACCINI

The diagram for this crossword puzzle is 23 squares wide by 15 squares deep.

ACROSS

1 "Famous" cookie man
 5 Greeting
 10 "Time ___ My Side"
 14 Distress signal
 15 "___ you loud and clear"
 16 Has feelings of affection
 18 American inventor
 22 Arid
 23 Division word
 24 Matty, Felipe, or Jesus
 25 Over there
 27 Voice man Blanc
 28 Insect
 29 *Bells Are ___*
 35 Fool
 37 ___-tse
 39 Film portrayer of 18-Across
 41 Flour-ish
 42 She played Ernestine

44 North African port

45 Climaxes
 47 Funnyman Allen
 48 ___ code
 49 Family member
 50 Boat,
 52 Summer drinks
 53 Sol
 54 Turin trio
 57 Larger than sm.
 59 Stooped
 60 Blubber
 61 Child's beach gear
 63 Huey or Russell
 64 Football kicks
 66 Author of *Reeling*
 68 At ___ end
 69 Relative of shucks
 71 Composer of *Le Roi d'Ys*

73 Monthly bill sender

77 James Brown's sound
 78 Vipers
 79 Comic Mort
 80 Eastern title
 81 Head
 82 "The ___'s the limit"
 83 Deer
 84 "Peanuts" expletive

10 Ending for canon or iron

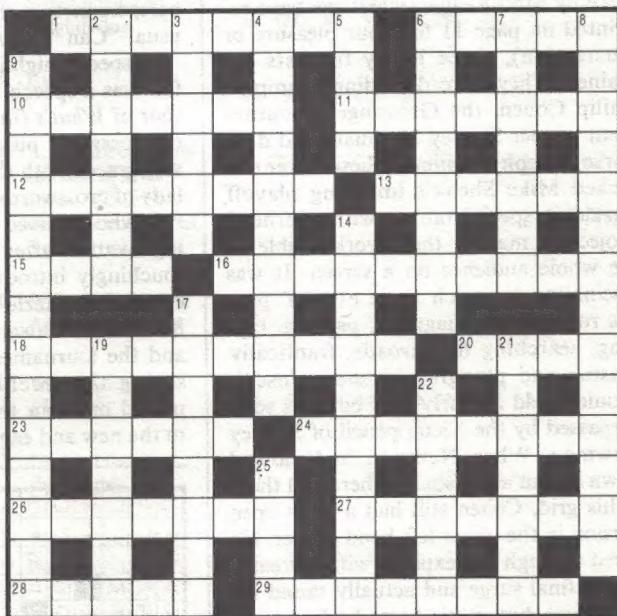
11 Mead's turf
 12 "Pike's Peak ___!"
 13 Eleanor Roosevelt
 ___ Roosevelt
 14 Buzzer
 17 Stone or Stallone
 18 TV's Ms. Francis
 19 Beetle
 20 Witch
 21 Sat around
 22 Offer objections

45 It is in the dictionary

46 Sewage pit
 49 Caroled
 51 Daffy's bill
 53 Be aware of
 54 Hoodlums
 55 Richard Starkey
 56 Singer John, et al.
 58 ___ for Murder
 59 Pop receptacle
 62 Good rebounder
 63 Capt.'s subordinate
 64 Opium source
 65 Golfer Sam
 67 Beast of burden
 68 Slow down!
 69 Office furniture
 70 Resound
 72 "Step ___!"
 73 Recipe abbr.
 74 ___ Vegas
 75 Hooray for José
 76 Many mths.

DOWN

1 Maugham's *Cakes and ___*
 2 Jazz singer Sullivan
 3 Praying figure
 4 Remitted
 5 Make haste
 6 Boot a baseball
 7 "Gam"
 8 Ancient Roman deity
 9 Harem room



10 Cryptic Crossword

HENRY HOOK

Each cryptic clue contains two indications of its answer—a direct or indirect definition, and some sort of wordplay on it (charade, homophone, etc.). You'll know when you have an answer because every word in the clue will have a role leading you to it. Explanations will appear with answers next month.

ACROSS

1 Growth on the lip has to be sore . . . (8)
 6 . . . after a course in an Italian restaurant (5)
 10 Issue a retraction for what's apparently done wrong again (7)
 11 This may make elm root quaver (7)
 12 False idolatry is lingering (8)
 13 It's possible sailor's confined to base (6)
 15 Figure that's curvy and smooth (4)
 16 Monkey's bell worn by rare N.Z. ape (10)
 18 Idea given in keeping/breaking promises (10)
 20 Clan member putting in an appearance in discotheque (4)
 23 A second-rate weaver is flourishing (6)
 24 Harem for Mid-Easterners

obtained by petroleum products sent to the West (8)

26 Slope = $1 + \frac{1}{150}$ (7)
 27 Opposite of how songwriters write (7)
 28 Fool shows briefly where Buffalo and Syracuse are? (5)
 29 Communist: has he infiltrated? Gone over? (8)

DOWN

2 Part of RSVP is written in at the top of a letter (7)
 3 Prohibition year is dry, lacking source of satisfaction (6)
 4 Searched all over in Connecticut for a storage box (5,5)
 5 Dines in style at Sardi's (4)
 6 Politician has a quote from the South that's imaginatively written (8)

7 His bow comes undone with film entertainment (4,3)

8 Jury heads note an advertisement about what's already been said (14)
 9 Republican getting in despite revolutionary country's fate (14)
 14 Bankrupt Dubliners having to roam about quietly (10)

17 Speed to town after exotic love (8)

19 He has a big bill, thanks to a pencil error (7)
 21 Coal scuttle at edge of radiator that is producing a bit of heat (7)
 22 Cuts holes right near the middle (6)
 25 It's shown on the calendar (the old one) at the end of December (4)

Tournament, cont'd

tackled some of the puzzles together for sport; but even with our *two* pencils going at once we could not match the speed of the tournament hotshots.

The first crossword was a friendly one by puzzle wizard Henry Hook, whose matching long entries (PUZZLE TOURNAMENT and STAMFORD MARRIOTT) aptly set the scene. Thereafter (there were six puzzles the first day and two the second) the going got progressively tougher. There were good-natured groans from the crowd when a Jack Luzzato puzzle was announced, as solvers anticipated tricky clues and abstruse words. On the other hand, the tense atmosphere was broken by chuckles as people worked their way through a pun-filled Maura Jacobson offering. Sometimes an early finisher, perhaps affected by the classroom setting, would wave his or her paper in the air noisily like an excited schoolchild. A few maniacal sharpshooters, having completed their puzzles way ahead of time, would keep busy by working on *other puzzles* they'd brought. One speed demon, the 1981 champ Philip Cohen, amused himself between crosswords by composing Sphinx verse (see page 10 for a sample of Cohen's weekend rhyming).

After the penultimate puzzle, a tour de force by Merl Reagle (which we have reprinted on page 11 for your pleasure or frustration), three hardy finalists remained. They were defending champion Philip Cohen, the Grossinger's tournament winner Stanley Newman, and dark horse Joseph Clonick. These three attacked Mike Shenk's imposing playoff puzzle at special tables, with overhead projectors making their work visible to the whole audience on a screen. It was fascinating to watch these experts' pencils roaming the diagrams, pausing, tapping, searching for inroads, frantically erasing and plunging in anew. Joseph Clonick held an early lead but was soon surpassed by the hectic pencil of Stanley Newman. When Newman had mowed down all but a few squares here and there in his grid, Cohen still had a huge open portion in the upper left-hand corner. He raced through this expanse with a breathtaking final surge and actually raised his hand first, but in his haste he had committed two errors. Newman, done seconds later, handed in a battle-scarred but totally correct puzzle, making him the new champion—the fifth different champion in the tournament's five years. (For the curious, the solution diagram of this final puzzle is shown at right.)

When competition was not in progress, recreation was. With so many puzzle enthusiasts on hand, any talk was apt to turn into a playful game of wits. (See *At Wit's End* for a sample of the sort of

thought Merl Reagle tosses out in casual conversation.) Also, a number of entertaining games had been specially prepared for evening get-togethers. In Henry Hook's "Winning Streak," Scrabble tiles were drawn at random from a hat (actually, a Marriott ice bucket) and teams tried to think of words that included (in any order) the haphazardly selected letters. Here are three batches of letters we pondered; can you think of words that include them? (Answers, page 14)

1. ZOGEHDOE
2. NILDOUSAP
3. WFCTN

Penny Press editors Doug and Janis Heller presented an engaging form of "Hangman" in which long strings of blanks were given with no word divisions divulged. Here are four samples from their game with letters our group had guessed; can you figure out the names, phrases, or titles?

4. — R — — — R — — —
5. H — S P — N — — R —
6. M — — — — M X
7. Z — — — — — — — H

The weekend's final game was conducted by the *Four-Star's* Mike Shenk. A kind of trivia quiz concentrating on numbers, we include it at right in place of our usual "Can You Answer This?" feature.

A special highlight of Saturday night's fun was a speech by Michelle Arnot, author of *What's Gnu?*, an excellent history of crossword puzzles. Sunday's banquet was graced with the presence of the great lady of crosswords herself, Margaret Farhar, who received a well-deserved standing ovation after Maura Jacobson had touchingly introduced her as "our own crossword puzzle Muse." Watching her hand out the awards to Stanley Newman and the tournament runners-up was like seeing the torch of puzzeldom being passed on from the founding generation to the new and eager inheritors of the art.



The tournament playoff puzzle.

11 Your Number's Up

MIKE SHENK

Each of these seldom-asked questions has a specific numerical answer. If your guess in each case is within 10% of the actual answer, score yourself correct.

Answers, page 14

1. Twenty years ago, John Glenn, Jr., became the first American to orbit the Earth. How many miles above Earth did his Friendship 7 capsule go?

2. Of all reported trout catchings, what is the world record for heaviest weight, in pounds?

3. What was the cost in dollars of a one-way (and boy, was it!) first class fare on board the *Titanic*?

4. While we're on the subject, how many diners could the *Titanic's* dining room accommodate (before hitting the iceberg, of course)?

5. Before his dramatic first fight with Apollo Creed, how many wins did Rocky Balboa have, according to the movie *Rocky*?

6. What is the total number of words in the text of Lincoln's Gettysburg Address?

7. Assuming you're normal in this regard, how many bones are in each of your feet?

8. Many people know that Babe Ruth had 714 career home runs, and that Hank Aaron beat that record. But how many career homers did Willie Mays, in third place, accumulate?

9. And while we're on the subject, how many stitches are there on a regulation baseball?

10. How many times does the word "girl" appear in the King James version of the Bible—both Old and New Testaments?

11. How many steps would one climb (if one were allowed to climb them) to reach the top of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C.?

12. The ruby-throated hummingbird is one of the smallest birds in the world. How many feathers does a typical ruby-throated hummingbird have?

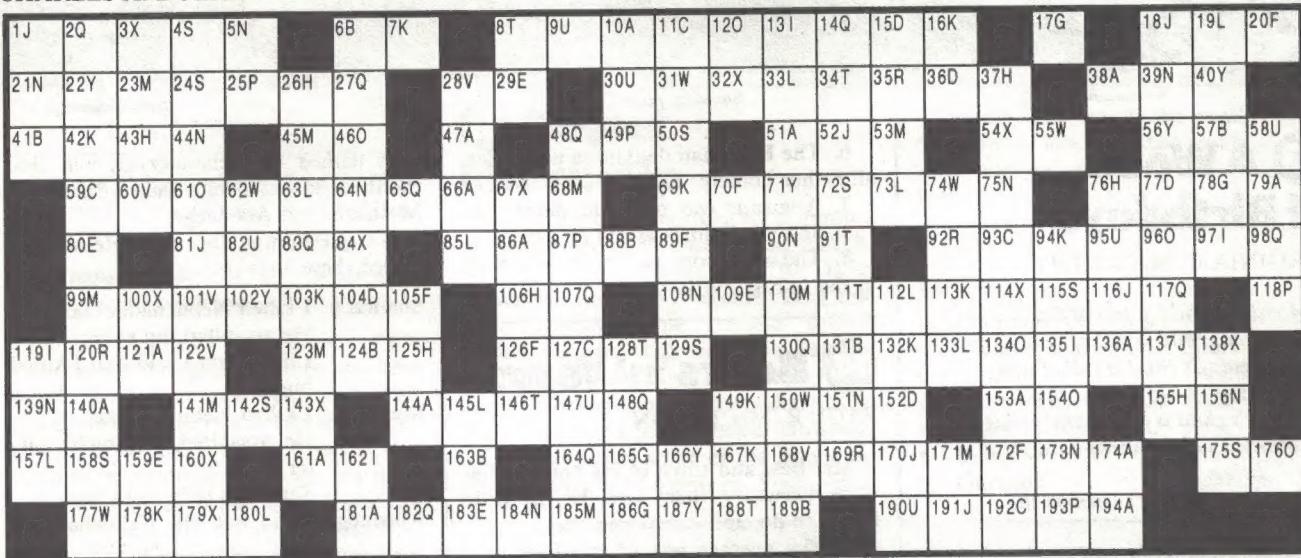
13. What is the total capacity—both crew and passengers—of the Concorde supersonic transport?

14. How much in dollars would a foot-high stack of crisp new one-dollar bills be worth?

15. Parker Brothers bought Monopoly from Charles Darrow after his homemade copies became very much in demand. But they had previously rejected the game, saying it contained a number of "fundamental errors." How many "errors" did they enumerate?

12 Acrostic Puzzle

CHARLES A. DUERR



Answer the clues for words to be entered on the numbered dashes. Then transfer the letters on the dashes to the correspondingly numbered squares in the puzzle grid to spell a quotation reading left to right. Black squares separate words in the quotation. Work back and forth between grid and word list to complete the puzzle. When you are done, the initial letters of the words in the word list will spell the name of the author and the source of the quotation.

Clues**Word List**

A. "Nothing is so firmly believed as ____" (Montaigne, <i>Essays</i> ; 4 wds.)	181 86 47 38 136 194 10 79 161	144 153 121 66 140 51 174
B. Shackled (2 wds.)	6 41 131 57 163 124 88 189	
C. Discover	192 11 127 93 59	
D. Hire	15 152 77 36 104	
E. Blazing	80 29 109 183 159	
F. Quit a post	20 70 105 172 89 126	
G. Transaction	78 165 17 186	
H. Enclose protectively; cherish	37 76 155 26 125 106 43	
I. 1930 Triple Crown jockey	162 119 97 135 13	
J. Stag beetle; hellgramite (2 wds.)	170 181 137 18 52 1 116 81	
K. Joshua tree (2 wds.)	16 178 167 149 94 69 42 132 113	
L. Remain unyielding in the face of hardship (3 wds.)	63 133 157 33 180 112 145 19 73 85	

M. Thick stew

68 53 171 110 185 23 45 141 99 123

N. Deceptive calm (4 wds.)

44 75 156 173 108 139 39 64 5

184 90 21 151

O. Small flat-faced Belgian dog

12 134 96 46 176 154 61

P. Excuse

49 193 25 118 87

Q. "____ are certainly the best of references" (Dickens, *Our Mutual Friend*; 3 wds.)

48 2 107 65 148 130 27 14 98

182 83 164 117

R. Wife of Geraint in Arthurian legend

35 120 169 92

S. At variance (3 wds.)

115 50 72 142 129 175 4 24 158

T. Understands thoroughly

91 8 111 34 146 128 188

U. Fishing lure of the spoon type

95 82 190 30 9 58 147

V. Willow used for wickerwork

28 122 60 101 168

W. Cause or motive

74 62 150 177 31 55

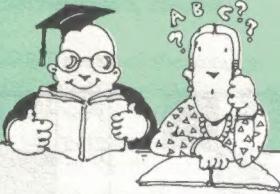
X. One employed at hard physical labor

160 54 67 179 100 84 114 138 3

143 32

Y. Following in order or as a result

166 40 102 22 187 71 56



13 A Week of Birthdays

VIRGINIA C. McCARTHY

Monday's child is fair of face,
 Tuesday's child is full of grace,
 Wednesday's child is full of woe,
 Thursday's child has far to go,
 Friday's child is loving and giving,
 Saturday's child works hard for a living.

But the child that's born on the Sabbath day

Is bonny and blithe and good and gay.
 —Mother Goose

Once upon a time there was a family named Everiman, whose seven children were remarkably well characterized by the above Mother Goose rhyme. Each of the Everiman children was born on a different day of the week and showed every promise of fulfilling the destiny of the weekday of his or her birth. The names of the children were Jan, April, Mae, June, Julius, Augustus, and Tober. Each child was born in a different calendar year, and no three children were born in three consecutive calendar years.

From the following observations made on December 31, 1895, find the year of birth of each Everiman child and the day of the week on which he or she was born.

Clues

1. Mother Everiman bore no children before 1870 or after 1890. In any event, since there were no days in the week left for a birthday, she assumed that her family was complete.

2. Father Everiman, who believed in Mother Goose, had high hopes for his grandchildren—one promised to be bonny and blithe and good and gay, and the other promised to be fair of face.

3. All the Everimans sons were lazy; and as if that were not depressing enough, destiny had not decreed that any of them should go far in life.

4. The child born on Saturday was older than Jan, Jan was twice as old as his rather graceless brother Tober, and Tober was twice as old as Julius.

5. Mother Everiman was gratified that both her oldest daughter and her oldest son had continued the family tradition by each parenting a child born on the same day of the week as they were themselves.

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6. The Everiman daughters were, alas, all rather homely.

7. Augustus was one year older than June and three times as old as April.

8. The child born on Friday was born in the 1870s.

14 Beers 'n' Years

PAUL R. McCLENON

Mr. Best and three of his bar buddies were discussing their ages, having little better to do, and discovered that:

1. The average age of the four men was two years lower than the average age of the three men other than Mr. Arkin;

2. Mr. Clark was the oldest;

3. Fred was 10 years older than Mr. Dean;

4. Ed was 10 years older than Mr. Arkin; and

5. Hal was 24 years old.

This important analytic discussion took a long time, during which:

6. Mr. Arkin drank more beer than George;

7. Ed outdrank Mr. Dean;

8. Hal outdrank Ed; and

9. George outdrank Fred.

Armed with this earth-shattering information, can you determine each man's full name (first names Ed, Fred, George, and Hal; last names Arkin, Best, Clark, and Dean) and their ages, as well as the relative amounts of beer they put away?

15 The Sons of Ananias

J.F. PEIRCE

Lieutenant Reason investigated a murder at the headquarters of The Sons of Ananias, a cult that believed that the greatest good could be achieved through lying.

The cult's canons required that one of every three statements should be true, so that others would not know whether a member was prevaricating or not. Members were further required to give up their own names and adopt ones from the Bible.

Reason was not surprised, then, to discover that the murder victim—stabbed with an ornate sacrificial knife—was a

man named Nebuchadnezzar, and that the three suspects were named Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

On questioning the men, Reason received these answers:

Shadrach: I killed Nebuchadnezzar.

He assaulted my sister.

I lied when I said that I killed him.

Meshach: I killed Nebuchadnezzar.

He assaulted Shadrach's sister.

Shadrach didn't kill him.

Abednego: I did not kill Nebuchadnezzar.

Meshach killed him.

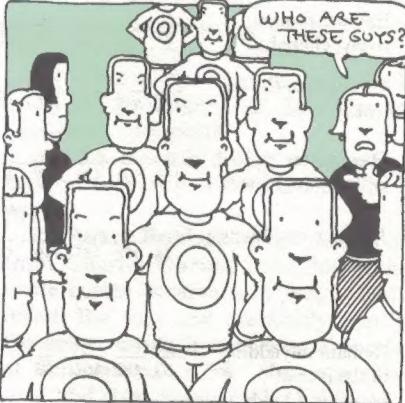
Nebuchadnezzar never assaulted Shadrach's sister.

Lieutenant Reason pondered these testimonies for a few moments and then arrested the guilty party. How did he arrive at his conclusion?

16 Basketball Player: 5, 6



17 Movie: 3, 4



You Name It!

Competition

2 Grand Prizes: *What's What: A Visual Glossary of the Physical World* (Hammond, Inc.)

5 Runner-Up Prizes: *Absolutely Mad Inventions* (Dover Books)

For this Eon's official Inventory of the Universe, an intergalactic clerk was sent to our planet to compile a checklist of all existing items. The report this messenger handed in to the Cosmic Creator was found to be incomplete. "I see you have inventoried all the *major* items," said the Creator, flipping through the pages, "but I need a list of *everything*, no matter how small." "But," objected the clerk, "some things are too trivial to *have* names yet." "Then," snapped the peevish Deity, "make them up!"

In this *Four-Star* contest we are asking you to help the beleaguered clerk by inventing names for things that don't have them yet. Surely our world is teeming with untitled items begging for recognition. For example (we asked ourselves recently), what do you call the little round pieces of paper produced by a paper punch? What is the generic term for the decorative doodads (parasols, etc.) that restaurants sometimes put on exotic cocktail drinks? What do you call the green (or orange, or purple) splotch of dyed hair on a punk rocker's head?

In some cases, of course, the peculiar, trivial, or new-fangled item you think of may already have a little-known technical name. That's OK—this won't disqualify your entry. If an existing term is very obscure, perhaps the time has come to replace it with something more colorful, appropriate, and memorable. For instance, the little twirled peak of ice cream on a machine-made ice cream cone *may* have an official name already (how about it, soda jerks?), but what we'd want for this contest would be a reader's own *invented* designation for it. Emphasis is on cleverness and originality.

How to Enter: Send us a brief description of any item plus your invented name for it. Include a concise etymology or explanation if you think it's appropriate. Write *only* on a postcard or the back of an envelope (no sealed letters, please), but send multiple entries if you like. Write by June 30, 1982, to "You Name It," *The Four-Star Puzzler*, 515 Madison Ave., New York, NY 10022. Winners will be announced in the September issue.

—E.C. and H.R.

18 Object Match-Up

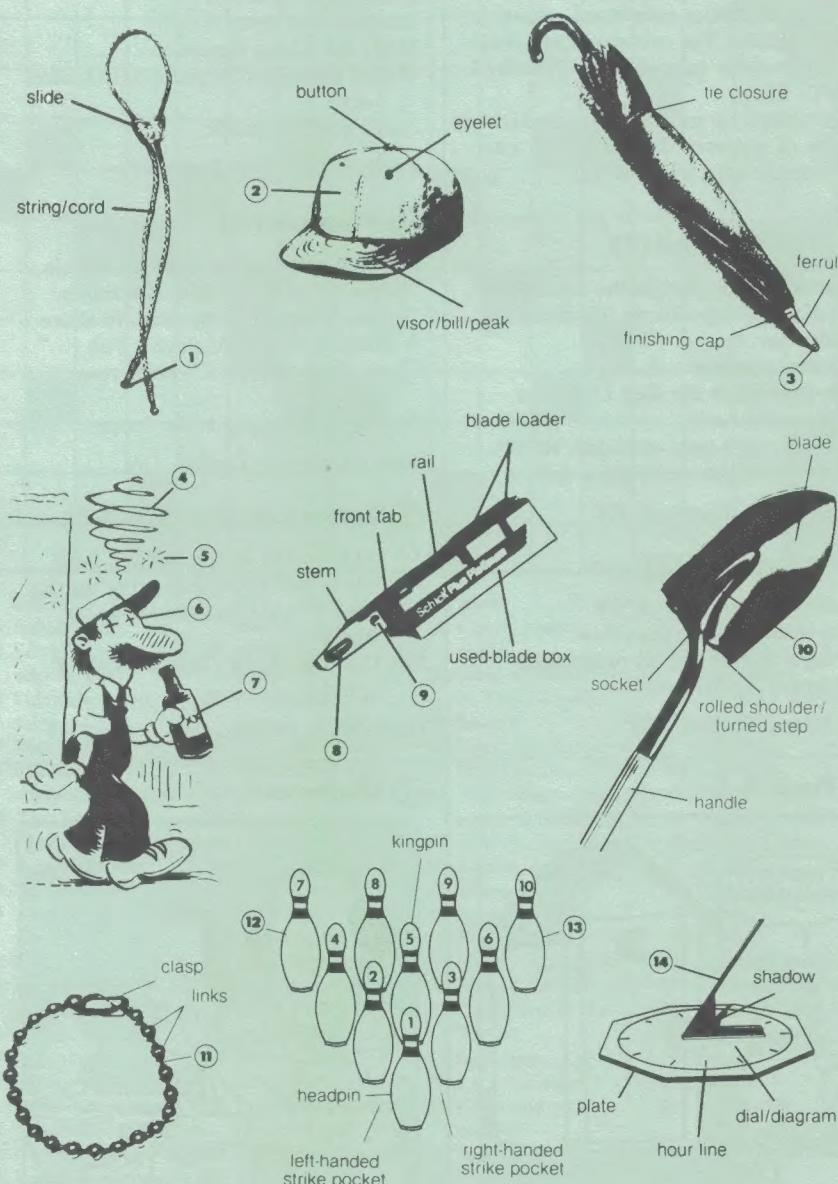
Below we have reproduced a number of pictures from the entertaining and informative book *What's What?* by David Fisher and Reginald Bragonier, Jr. These pictures show some familiar objects (string tie, cap, stick umbrella, cartoon character, blade injector, shovel, key-chain, bowling pins, and sundial) with their constituent parts labeled. However, we have removed some of the labels, replacing them with numbers. Your object

as solvers is to match the numbers with the proper labels (listed randomly below—and yes, they're all spelled correctly).

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Labels:

a. Boozex	h. Mother-in-law
b. Widow	i. Spurl
c. Squean	j. Dumbbell
d. Bullet	k. Gash
e. Aglet	l. Frog
f. Bump	m. Gore
g. Gnomon	n. Oculama





The Sphinx Page



Each puzzle in verse below contains two or more missing words to be guessed, in such forms as transposals (e.g., NAME/MANE/AMEN), charades (WOODEN), beheadments (CHEAT/HEAT/EAT), letter deletions (PRATE/PATE), word deletions (FRIGATE — RIG = FATE), and Spoonergrams (TAKE A SHOWER/SHAKE A TOWER). These keywords are represented by w's, x's, y's, and z's—one for each letter in an omitted word. When the keywords have been correctly guessed, each verse will read with proper rhyme and meter, and will express some thought, situation, or story.

An anagram is an apposite rearrangement of the letters in a word, name, or familiar phrase. For example, I'M A PENCIL DOT is an anagram of DECIMAL POINT.

Numbers in parentheses indicate lengths of answers. In anagrams, asterisks indicate capitalized words.

19 Word Deletion (7)

Our masquerade party's the 7th of May,
With Xxx's compositions the theme of
the day,
Festivities starting at 8.
Come dressed as the Red Death (or
Annabel Lee!);
In this xxxyyyx-paid envelope, RSVP.
Come yyyy if you can't get a date.

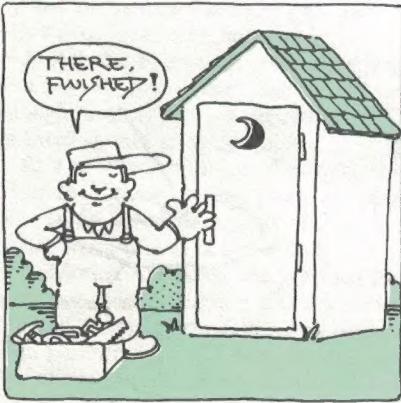
Philip Cohen, Aliquippa, PA

20 Transposals (5)

xxxxx in the summer of '69
xxxxx through the xxxx flew,
Bearing a banner for all mankind—
That brave Apollo crew.

Len Elliott, Auburn, WA

31 Poet: 4, 5



21 Spoonergram (5, 3, 5; 5, 3, 5)

When doorman Harvey Transom goes
To work his daily 10-hour shift,
He always xxxxx xxx xxxx he knows
Will give his heart and soul a lift:

A pizza slice, cold fish and chips,
Martinis in a flask of tin.
"Health food is not my bag," he quips.
"It xxxx xxx xxxx of grease and gin."

Dorothy Osborne, Hancock, ME

22 Transposal (10)

The xxxxxxxxx of ancient times
Are said to be erotic.
Imagine rugs upon a wall
Made for a king despotic
Whose queen performed a xxxxxxxxx
act
Amid a reign chaotic.

Barry Cohen, New York, NY

23 Charade (11)

A frying www sailed through the air.
"Explain!" skrieked Miz Beelzebub.
"Y, zz, Y stopped, my dear, to share
A drink or two at Moloch's Pub . . ."
"You xxxx drunk! I'll cook your
goose!"
And wwwxxxxyzz broke loose.

Joan Christman, Dayton, OH

24 Letter Deletion (5, 6; 5, 5)

To xxxx xxxx in the Rajah's land,
A cook is well-advised to serve up rice
That has a xxxx xyxxxx—not too
bland—
For that's an Arab's favorite sort of
spice!

Gary Disch, Ottawa, Ont.

32 Western: 8



25 Charade (13)

"I am xxx-xxxx," the woman said
Amid the hordes that she had bred.
"No yyyyyy set by kings or laws
Can make me cease, slow down, or
pause.
xxxxxxxxyyyyy is God's due!"
She swore, and climbed inside her shoe.

David Weinberger, Margate, NJ

26 Beheadments (7, 6, 5)

You can hear the outboard zyxxxx;
You can see the speedboat stop.
I have told you not to yxxxx
In old Wilson's backyard shop.

You forgot to oil the rotors
When you worked upon their boat.
Now it's xxxx chaos—boaters
Drifting helplessly afloat.

Mitzi Christiansen, Bakersfield, CA

Anagrams

27 A CONIC POUR (10)

28 TIME TO PANT? (10)

29 I LET IN DOOM (10)

Bill Kuehl, New York, NY

30 FORD TAKES HERO'S TRAIL
(*7 2 3 *4 *3)

Mike Ventrella, Brighton, MA

Do you feel the Muse? Send us an original puzzle of any type you've seen in "The Sphinx," and we'll thank you with \$20 if it is used. Anagrams will be judged for appositeness, and poetic puzzles for cleverness of keywords and verse. Write "The Sphinx," The Four-Star Puzzler, 515 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022. Enclose a stamped return envelope if you wish a reply.

33 Mountain Range: 7



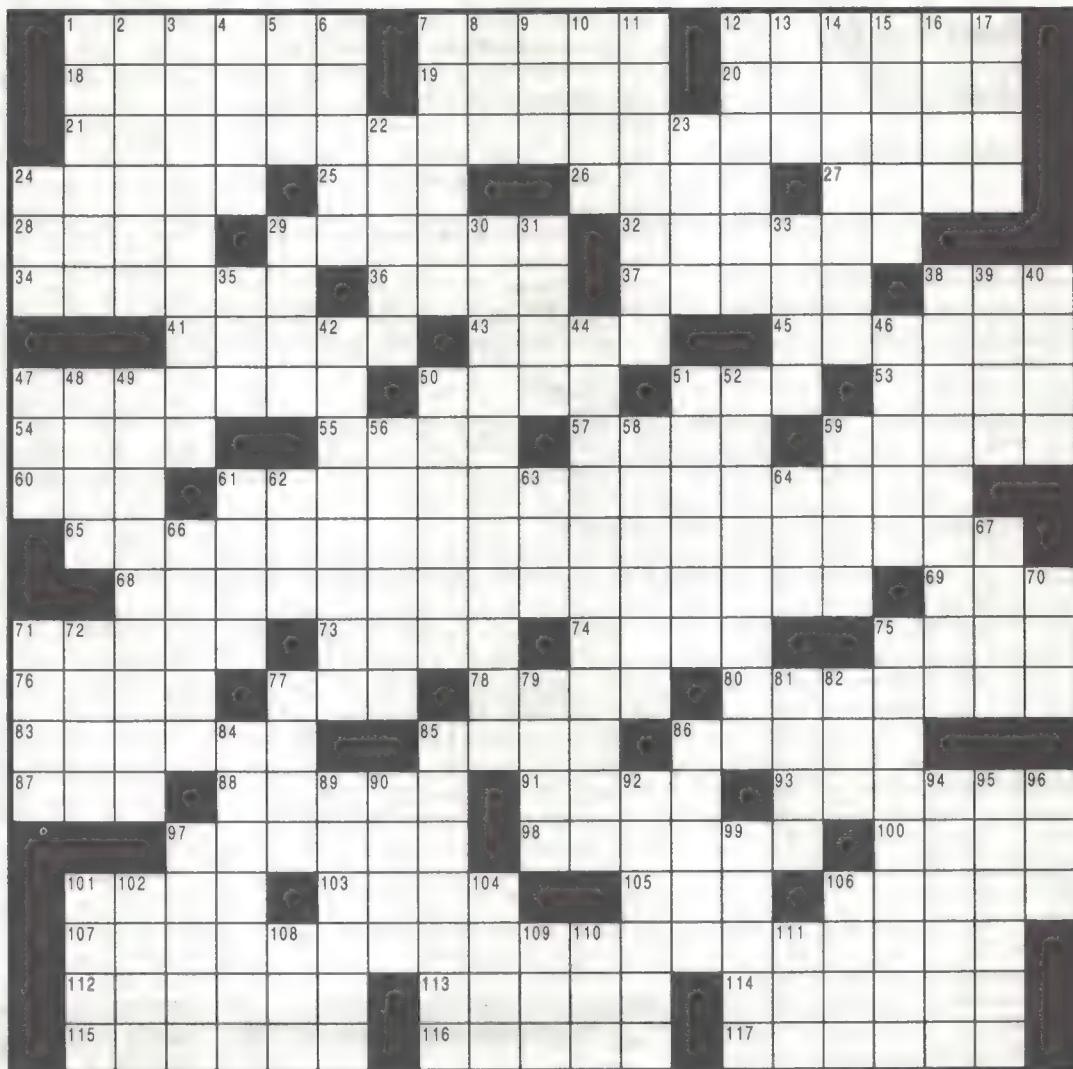
34 Biting Wit

MERL REAGLE

Featuring a quote in the three central horizontal entries.

ACROSS

- 1 Port on the Strait of Dover
- 7 Words with hope or sunshine
- 12 Cloister chiefs
- 18 Emulate a ham
- 19 Anoint, in olden times
- 20 Pickling juices
- 21 With 107-Across, what the quote is
- 24 "Real" person
- 25 Lazybones' bane
- 26 It's usually spread pretty thin
- 27 Fires
- 28 Have ____ (long)
- 29 Rest
- 32 Stuck
- 34 Sheer joy, old style
- 36 *Life Begins* ____ (film classic)
- 37 Raiders' coach?
- 38 Org. est. 1908
- 41 Partner for fine
- 43 Maori game bird
- 45 Look up to
- 47 Researcher of a sort
- 50 Mick Jagger's daughter
- 51 Swiss river
- 53 Soil: Comb. form
- 54 "____ I say!"
- 55 "Believe ____ Not!"
- 57 Flog
- 59 *Grapes of Wrath* characters
- 60 Kin of "bowwow"
- 61 With 65- and 68-Across, the quote
- 65 See above
- 68 See above
- 69 Snuffy, or not up to snuff
- 71 Make sense
- 73 Niger Delta tribesman
- 74 "Comedy ____ Pretty" (Steve Martin album)
- 75 Strike zone boundary line
- 76 Delete
- 77 Movie ratings
- 78 Big wheel's wheels
- 80 Electricity emergencies
- 83 Acid artist
- 85 Noted gardener
- 86 Key of Beethoven's *Eroica*
- 87 Chief Albanian coin

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- 88 L'il Abner's family name
- 91 She wrote *Coming of Age in Samoa*
- 93 Throws out
- 97 Spanish coin
- 98 Talks sans cue cards
- 100 Nightlife center in London
- 101 Anti-drug agent
- 103 Storm trooper
- 105 Noted Virginia name
- 106 Writer Cleveland
- 107 See 21-Across
- 112 Writing: Comb. form
- 113 Like lightning
- 114 Drawn
- 115 Vulnerable strongman
- 116 Bird shot?
- 117 Screen characterizations?
- 23 River through the Yakutsk "
- 24 "Fannie ____" bonds
- 29 Northumberland river
- 30 Like some rings
- 31 Resembling eggs
- 33 Cheer's opposite
- 35 Jazz instrument
- 38 Genesis
- 39 Poet's "withered"
- 40 Half of a radio twosome
- 42 Yuletime fruit
- 44 Neat, as a beard
- 46 Mr. Sulu of "Star Trek"
- 47 Actress Lupino
- 48 Seaweed food of Japan
- 49 Longtime Warner Brothers star
- 50 Ed introduces him
- 51 Fireplace receptacle
- 52 Make ____ (do often)
- 56 Check-cashing reqmt.
- 58 King of Naples in *The Tempest*
- 59 Selects
- 61 Salad alternative
- 62 Eng., Fr., It., etc.
- 63 "The Waste Land" author's initials
- 64 Hair: Comb. form
- 66 Adolescence
- 67 Merriment
- 70 Baxter or Brown
- 71 Figure skating jump
- 72 Heap fondness (on)
- 75 "Songbird of the South"
- 77 NFL men, e.g.
- 79 ____ Camera
- 81 Gran and glob endings
- 82 Muslim cap
- 84 Optic-wash vessels
- 85 Magicians and stunt men
- 86 Comedienne Adams and others
- 89 Jazzman Stan
- 90 Site of Bonneville Salt Flats
- 92 Intimate
- 94 Slave worker
- 95 Pangs of pain
- 96 Type of bean or sauce
- 97 Type of golf tourney
- 99 Cloud
- 101 Irksome reminders
- 102 Incantation start
- 104 Terrible Tsar
- 106 Church wine vessels
- 108 E'en if
- 109 Starter for center or dermis
- 110 Teeny taste
- 111 L.A.-N.Y. flight path



35 Run for It, Hardcase?

Three-Minute Detective

ROBERT L. LIDDIL

Inspector Hardcase was halfway through his coffee and Danish when a breathless James Walker burst in. "What can I do for you?" Hardcase asked the intruder amiably.

"No time to talk," Walker gasped. "Come with me, I'll tell you on the way. She's been shot and may be dead already!"

Hardcase set down his Danish and picked up his hat. "Where are we going?"

"It's only two blocks," Walker answered. "Please hurry!"

Hardcase opened the door of his car for Walker, who pointed to the rush hour traffic. "It'll be quicker to walk . . . or run!"

The sprint to the Sycamore Apartments left Walker exhausted and Hardcase winded. Walker pounded on the apartment door and yelled, "Lisa!"

"Step aside," Hardcase ordered, then kicked the door open.

Inside, Lisa Mason's body lay across the coffee table in the living room with the telephone lying on the floor by her outstretched hand. A cigarette burning in a nearby ashtray was almost down to the filter. Hardcase looked around the room, taking stock of the bullet hole in the wall above the body, the open window, the chain-lock hanging from the splintered door.

"Now, what happened?" he asked.

Walker averted his eyes from the lifeless body. "Lisa called me a few minutes ago at my office—about a mile from here. She was worried because Don Brown, the man she dated before me, called and threatened to kill her if she didn't break off with me and marry him. While we were talking she yelled 'Oh, no! Don't, Don!' Then I heard a shot and Lisa's hard breathing, so I ran to your office. You know the rest."

Hardcase nodded. "Yes."

"Brown works at the Siler Company. I want to go along when you arrest him," Walker snarled.

"You're the only man I'm arresting," Hardcase answered firmly.

Why did he suspect Walker?

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Rebus Cartoon Contest Results

The winner of the March rebus contest, drawn from 337 entries, is Ellen Berman of Dedham, MA. Ms. Berman wins "Cube Twister" and two other giant jigsaw puzzles from Nordevco. The ten runners-up, each receiving *Van Gogh* from the "Great Masters of Art" series, are: Beth Hansen, Lincoln, NE; Janet Ingraham, Bethesda, MD; Alfred Siller, Rockville, MD; Herb Jeong, San Francisco, CA; Cindy Crane, Versailles, KY; Joyce Roman, W. Babylon, NY; Bill Gorgo, Chicago, IL; Michael Kane, Milwaukee, WI; Nancy Rathke, Rockford, IL; and Shonnie Bach, Richmond, VA.

Among the 337 entries were 285 that listed the ten correct answers—but of these over 100 offered "Julius Irving" instead of "Julius Erving," and so were disqualified. Spelling counts, folks. There were also a number of interesting variations on the spelling of "Clouseau," perhaps a harder name for people to check. We accepted both "amor" and "amour" in solvers' explanations of SYCAMORE ("sick" plus "amor"), but not "amore."

The complete answer list: 1. *The Picture of Dorian Gray* (THE PICTURE OF DOOR "E" IN GREY) 6. Sycamore (SICK-AMOR) 11. Parallel bars (PARALLEL BARS) 12. Hammurabi (HAMMER-AAAAA-BEE) 13. *General Hospital* (GENERAL-HA-SPITTLE) 14. Saturn (SAT-URN) 29. Julius Erving (JULIASERVING) 30. Mel Torme (MELT-OR-MAY) 35. Inspector Clouseau (IN-SPECK-TURK-LOOSE-O) 57. Romeo (ROW-ME-OH)

36 Number Square

BARBARA KING

1. Sum of the squares of 3 and 73
2. Number of feet in $\frac{1}{12}$ of a mile
3. $\frac{1}{47}$ of this = a perfect square
4. $(x^2 - 1) \div .04$, when $x = 18$

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1. Unkempt person
2. Home for an earthing
3. Km to a bassoon
4. Members of a swarm

BARBARA KING
Word Square

Contest Contest

Results from March

Double-talk abounded in the entries to "Contest Contest." (The aim was to write a sentence containing at least five doubled words, each used in two different senses.) One wonders if anyone will contest the results of the "Contest Contest" contest. One wonders, in particular: "Will anyone who entered the 'Contest Contest' contest contest 'Contest Contest' contest results?"

In any case, the winner (receiving a three-year subscription to *Contest Newsletter*) is Dick Rosen of Melrose Park, PA, for his entry:

Wilde leaves Reading reading resumes, resumes trips, trips at falls, falls near still, still locates sheds, sheds tears, tears pants, pants heavily, and can't cant.

The five runners-up (each receiving a complete set of puzzles from the 5th Annual American Crossword Puzzle Tournament) are:

Washington program: tip Tip O'Neill over; harry Harry Byrd into retirement; cap Cap Weinberger's tongue; pat Pat Moynihan's back; dignify as art Art Buchwald's columns.—Henry Foner, Brooklyn, NY

Will Chevy Chase chase Steve Martin, Martin Mull mull over Red Button's buttons, or Bob Hope hope to see Monty Python's pythons?—Lane Wright, Nashville, TN

"In this era, E.R.A. champions can still still the opposition and will will it into law because it is right, right now," N.O.W. says.—F.N. Goldman, New York, NY

She's queen of the fair, fair-haired; she can can vegetables, darn darn well, feed a sow, sow a row, row a boat.—Mildred Nee, Winter Haven, FL

Well, we'll search for Bill's bills and Jack's jacks, which were (we're told) placed near Jean's jeans and Rose's roses.—K.J. Henke, Matamoras, PA

—LINDA BOSSON

37 Actress: 3, 6



38 The N+t+ce B++rd

DENYS PARSONS

Some of the most beautiful British gardens are those of the so-called "stately homes." This year I took my family to Lord Brankshead's estate in Derbyshire. As we entered the drive we saw a notice displayed for the attention of the public. It was a sorry sight, as a non-weather-proof adhesive had been used to stick the plastic letters on the board, and three-quarters of them had fallen to the ground.

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+H++ +++D++ +++ +++N
F++ +++ ++NE+++ ++
++ + +B+++
+L++++ +EE+ ++ ++
++TP++++ ++D ++ +OT
++CK ++Y + +W+++
++++ ++++++
ES++TE MA++GE+
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Who was the anonymous Estate Manager, I idly wondered, and while the rest of the family looked round the garden, I made a note of the fallen letters:

AAAAAAAAABCDDEEEEEEEEFF
FFGHHHHIIIIKLLMNNNNNOOOOO
OOOPPPPPRLLLLRSSSSSTTTT
TTTU

What was the Estate Manager's fitting name?

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39 Quick Quote

ROB SAYERS

A quotation has been divided into groups of three letters, and these groups have been placed in alphabetical order. Rearrange the groups to reconstruct the quote and its author.

Word lengths: 5'1 2 5 2 5 1 8 4 3 4 3 5
10 7 3 3.—4 6.

BEI ERN ERS ETH EWH GOV
HAV HEN HUM ILL KTO MEN
NGA NGF NOT OLE ORI ORY
OUW RES RIC RKI ROG STW
THE TWO YOU

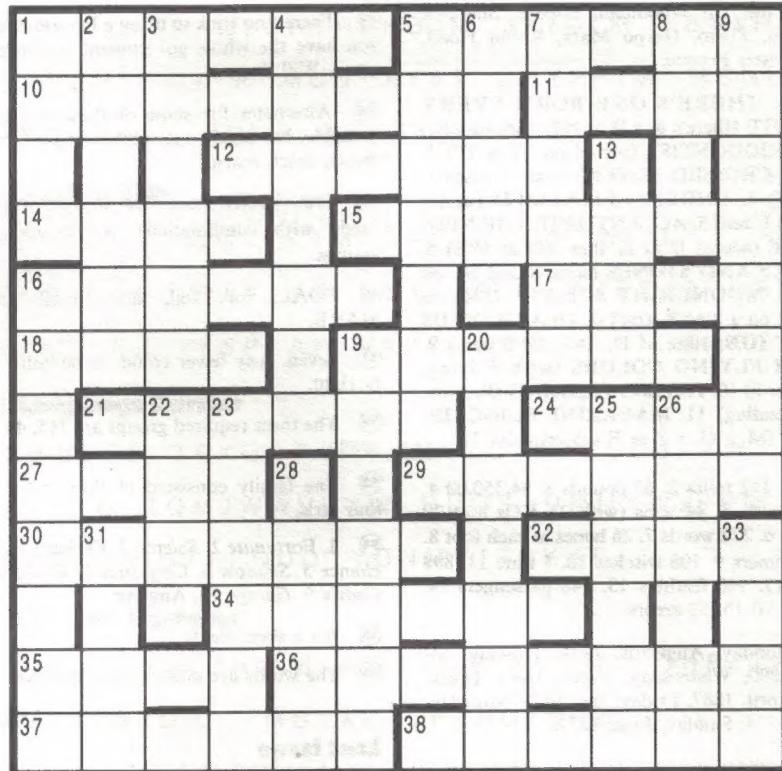
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40 And One to Grow On Variety Cryptic Crossword

E. R. GALLI

The answer to each clue is one letter shorter than the space provided for it in the diagram. The solver must add a letter to each clue answer, making a new word for the diagram entry. The added letter may be placed at the front, back, or inside of the clue answer.

Clue answers include one proper noun. Diagram entries include two proper nouns and a two-word phrase.

**ACROSS**

- NY team whose center's left dissolves (5)
- You and I, blushing outwardly, got married again (5)
- Place in road where the pool might be formed! (7)
- Vanilla extract has zip (3)
- Imogene's drug sources (5)
- A kind of tree remains . . . (3)
- . . . a tree quietly standing in cold (6)
- 50-inch shelf (5)
- Herb's sorrow (3)
- Poker call is the bishop's responsibility (3)
- Tongue-lashes sugar manufacturers (5)
- He somehow manages part in comic opera (5)
- Wing to a West Coast city (3)
- Captain's record lake
- run, coming back (3)
- Sour limes make your mouth twist up (5)
- Swallow almost all of mixed drink (6)
- Increases in a delivery service (3)
- Acquisitive feeling for \$1000 clarinet (5)
- Main half of nausea (3)
- Flying around Iran, lie to travel agent? (7)
- Staub is out of practice (5)
- Helpers' crazy ideas (5)
- To succeed, Susan goes after males topless (5)
- In Spain, the large building addition (3)
- Loss of life last month: moderate (7)
- Raise first-rate grass (3)
- Associate haziness with a psychic of sorts (7)
- Sell squash by rate (6)
- Knight astride roan turns back horsemen (6)
- Natural resource found in forests (3)
- One hears what a stripper does is resounding (5)
- Two-thirds of pie inside cover—it's fatty stuff (5)
- Straighten out displaced alien (5)
- Express weariness—mercury is rising (4)
- According to preacher, gain must be eliminated (3)
- Guys with energy in high school (3)

DOWN

- Apply the needle quite audibly (3)
- Noble metal's lead or aluminum (5)
- Relief-giver, like in beer without a head (5)
- Thorough . . . but heartless, nevertheless (6)
- Plane doing tricks or Pole doing tricks (6)
- Backing fight brings criminal charges (4)

ANSWERS

Tournament Answers

1. Homogenized
2. Platitudinous
3. Unwatchful (There may be other answers to these three.)
4. Crossword puzzle
5. *H.M.S. Pinafore*
6. *Malcolm X*
7. "Zip-A-Dee-Doo-Dah"

This Issue

① From left to right and top to bottom: Minnie Pearl, Steve Martin, Mercury (Hermes), the Tin Woodman, Popeye, Sherlock Holmes, Zorro, Harpo Marx, Robin Hood, and Hester Prynne.

② 1. THERE'S ONE BORN EVERY MINUTE (there's one B or NE, very minute) 2. PERIODONTIST (period on "T is T") 3. STAR-CROSSED LOVERS (star; crossed L over S) 4. UNDERCAPITALIZED (under capital I, zed) 5. ACCENTUATE THE NEGATIVE (accent U at E, then EG at IVE) 6. STICKS AND STONES (stick S and ST on ES) 7. MOONLIGHT SONATA (MO on light S on a TA) 8. UNTIL DEATH DO US PART (UN; tilde at H; DO; U, S part) 9. WITH FLYING COLORS (with F lying, COL or S) 10. PATENT PENDING (P, a ten, T, P ending) 11. MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTION (M, a G, a Z in E-subscript-ION)

⑩ 1. 162 miles 2. 65 pounds 3. \$4,350.00 4. 532 diners 5. 44 wins (with 31 KOs and 20 losses) 6. 272 words 7. 26 bones in each foot 8. 660 homers 9. 108 stitches 10. 1 time 11. 898 steps 12. 940 feathers 13. 148 passengers 14. \$2,791.00 15. 52 errors

⑬ Monday, Augustus, 1871; Tuesday, Julius, 1890; Wednesday, Tober, 1885; Thursday, April, 1887; Friday, Jan, 1875; Saturday, Mae, 1874; Sunday, June, 1872.

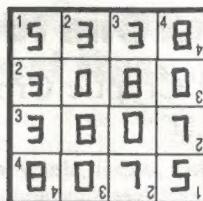
⑭ In order of beer consumption from most to least the four men are: Hal Arkin, 24; Ed Best, 34; George Dean, 26; Fred Clark, 36.

⑯ Shadrach's statement that he lied when he said he'd killed Nebuchadnezzar contradicts his statement that he killed him. Therefore, one of his statements is true and the other false. Shadrach's statement that Nebuchadnezzar assaulted his (Shadrach's) sister is, therefore, false. Thus, Abednego's statement that Nebuchadnezzar did not assault Shadrach's sister is true, making his other statements false and him the murderer. For the record, each man's statements are false, false, true, in order.

⑰ 1-e; 2-m; 3-d; 4-i; 5-c; 6-n; 7-a; 8-f; 9-k; 10-l; 11-j; 12-h; 13-b; 14-g

⑯ Walker's story had one flaw. It's possible for the bullet to have passed through the body and lodged in the wall; the killer could have entered and left through the window, leaving the door chain-locked; but if Walker had been phoned at work (a mile away) he wouldn't have had time to run to Hardcase's office, enlist his aid, and reach the victim's apartment before the smoldering cigarette burned out. However, from her apartment to Hardcase's office and back (4 blocks in all) lies within the realm of possibility. A cigarette left unintended takes 5 to 7 minutes to burn.

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⑯ This garden is open for the benefit of the public. Please keep to the footpaths and do not pick any flowers.—Rose Madder, Estate Manager.

⑯ There's no trick to being a humorist when you have the whole government working for you.—Will Rogers

⑯ Alternates for some of these words are possible, but here's one solution: beard, bears, pearl, heart, rear.

⑯ 71¢. Totals from 72¢ upward can be made with combinations of 9¢ and 10¢ stamps.

⑯ FOAL, foil, fail, mail, mall, male, MARE.

⑯ Seven. Any fewer could all be either left or right.

⑯ The three required groups are 715, 46 and 32890.

⑯ The family consisted of three boys and four girls.

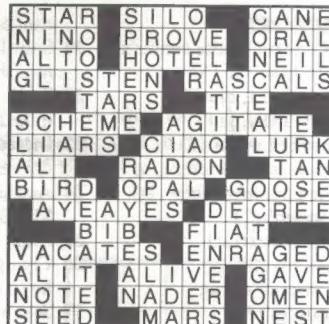
⑯ 1. Fortunate 2. Solemn 3. Embassy 4. Perchance 5. Shadow 6. Carpenter 7. Turnpike 8. Codify 9. Garage 10. Angling

⑯ It's a skeet shoot.

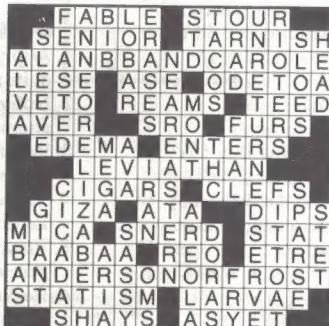
⑯ The words are debacle and feedback.

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⑩ Word List: A. Thespian (he's in Pat) B. Half-wit (with Alf) C. Ottawan (at a town) D. On the spot E. Depicts (de Picts) F. Athwart (that war) G. Daphne (had pen) H. Aftermath I. Mood (mood) J. Auntie (anti) K. Nahum (name) L. Depots (de-pots) M. Ephesus (U.S. sheep) N. Views (wives) O. Enhances (Cannes he)

Quotation: When Eve upon the first of men/ The apple pressed with specious cant/ Oh! what a thousand pities then/ That Adam was not adamant.—T(homas) Hood, *Adam and Eve*

⑪ Word List: A. Linesmen B. Rhythmical C. Outer Space D. Stowaway E. The Visit F. End of the Road G. Nailed H. Jaunt I. Outdistance J. Yachtsman K. Southward L. On the warpath M. Fall down N. Youth hostel O. Idlewild P. Delivery Q. Daily walk R. It Came from S. Shuffle T. Huron

Quotation: The chairlady said, "—and we must all learn to adjust to this fantastic new world, a world in which, only last week, an astronaut circled the world fifty times!"

"Humph!" hummed one of the ladies. "If you have money, you travel."—L(eo) Rosten, *(The) Joys of Yiddish*

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⑯ Read-just ⑯ Barfly/barely

⑯ Crate/cater/caret/react/trace ⑯ Hot-el

⑯ Cozy nook/nosy cook ⑯ Pique/equip

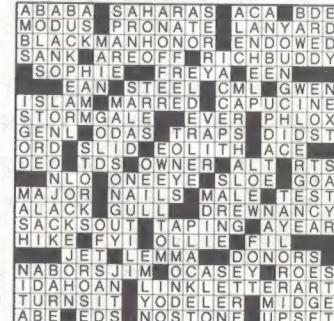
⑯ Baronet/bayonet ⑯ Sorceress

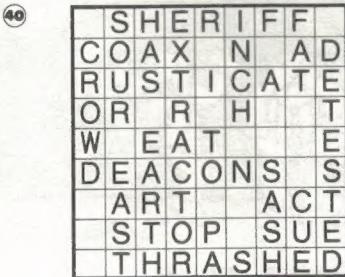
⑯ The unemployment office

⑯ Public transportation ⑯ Sunbather

⑯ Arlington National Cemetery

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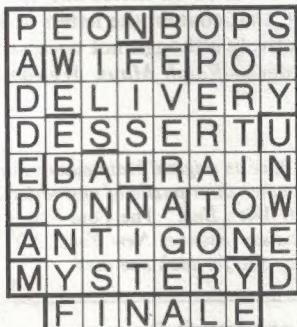
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42 ACROSS: 1. NO-PE; PEON (anag.) 4. HITS (anag.); BO-PS 8. GRO(w)UP; W(IF)E; 10. CONTAINER (anag.); POT (2 mngrs.) 11. TO-O; DELI-VERY 15. COU(N)TRY (anag. + n); BAH-RAIN 17. WO(MA)N (NOW rev.; & lit.); DONNA (anag.) 19. PULL (hidden peripherally); TOW (anag.) 20. LEFT (anag.); ANTI-GONE 21. WHODUNIT (anag.); MY-STERY (e for o in my story)

DOWN: 1. SUPPLE-MEN-T-E-D; P-ADDED (& lit.) 2. SHE-EP; EWE (homophone) 3. BRO-O(K)LYN (orb rev., k in only anag.); OILS (Brooklynese) 5. RUNNER (hidden); OPERATOR (anag.) 7. DESIGNEr (resigned with ends switched); STY(list) 13. B(L)ACK; EBONY (anag.) 14. QUARTER (pun); U(NW)ED (due anag.) 16. E-LIOT (toil rev.); AN-TS 18. LO-USE; (u)NIT

Act III Clue: Portion of fish, beverage, and dessert? (6) (FIN-ALE)



43 Florists, for the sake of brevity, reduce "chrysanthemum" to "mum." Too bad "rhododendron" has no popular short form.

44 Astronomical language has brought patriotic color into our lives: red giants, white dwarfs, blue shifts.

45 Offspring of both goats and humans are called kids, probably because they both eat just about anything.

46 Jovial judge enjoys conjuring as comic courtroom relief, enjoins jaded jury to join in judicial hijinks.

47 What with lettuce just about one dollar per head, some pampered pet rabbits are going to be dinner, not eat it.

Cryptography

SALLY PORTER



Each of these messages has been put into a simple substitution letter code. The substitutions are constant throughout each cipher, but change from one cipher to the next. Asterisks indicate proper words.

41 Weather or Not

LYBP FYVTK DLCRYRBHBJM JXTCLM XBSXHM
WRBCNK GXTP MCN XYAT DHYPPTW MCNL
DBUPBU CL ENKJ GYKXTW MCNL UYL.

42 Shelling Out

APT GRIT ZRMVTKTM HPF CRDG WFM
CFXGFKTV LRXA AF NXJJ PXG GKRXJG CRDG
AHXST RG IYSP AF VXKT FYA FK TGSRMZFA.

43 Language Barrier

*YXWVUTS TRXQPO NYMNVYOYT YODSPXWY
TQJIYXQ TQMJWWVUXW HUQS UMMYWJVPM
GYMFT, UIUKEPQUD YONMYTTUKXT.

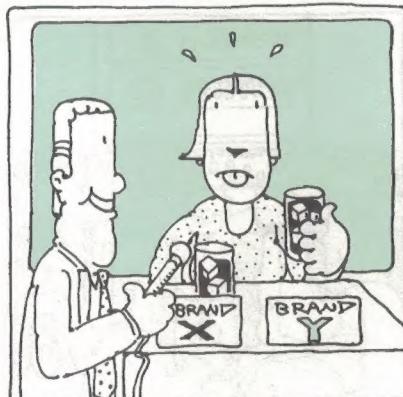
44 Greener Pastures

KJLM NHFVNDHJLB QGKQBV HJYML QHFZTX
LMD SFHTDH, KMB XF VF RQTB WFGUV
KQTL LF GDQPD LMD FGX TDJYMOFHMF FX?

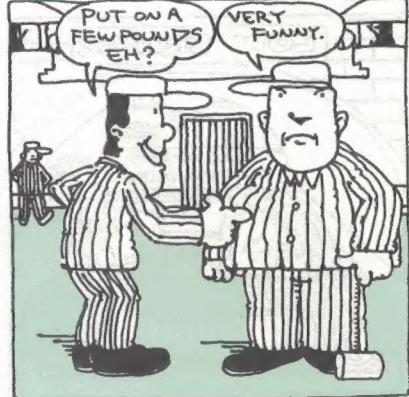
45 Dig It

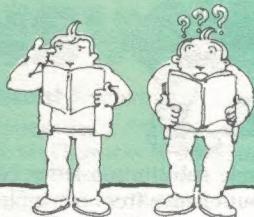
JLKMNLHGFMJQ JFNJ RMNQST FZRJQ
TJFKZYXJWGT XZQSMLW LNKVQJKNT ZU
TJYYXMFN JLS QJYMT QJOGQM.

46 College: 8



47 Singer: 6, 6





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48 Ear Test

Can you think of five five-letter words, each having EAR in the middle, such that the pronunciation of EAR is different in each case?—Merl Reagle, Santa Monica, CA

49 Foreign Postage

The eccentric postal service in the land of Ninezntenzia will issue stamps only in the denominations of 9¢ and 10¢. What is the highest number of cents of postage that *cannot* be placed on a letter?—Jeff Rubens, Scarsdale, NY

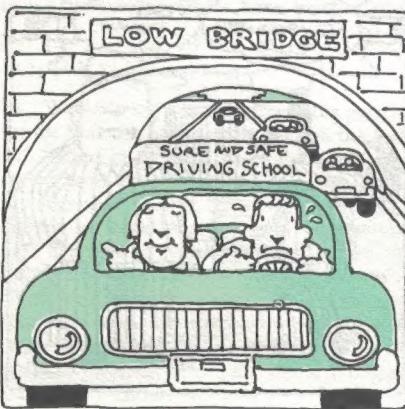
50 Barnyard Laddergram

Sue and Barbara were in the stables admiring the horses. "Did you know," said Sue, "that there are six stages of growth in the life of a horse?" "What do you mean?" asked Barbara. "Well," replied Sue, "it takes just six steps for FOAL to become MARE, changing one letter at a time." Barbara thought about that for a moment. "Yes," she said, "you're quite right." What are the six steps?—Nancy Trotter, Farmingdale, ME

51 Groping for Answers

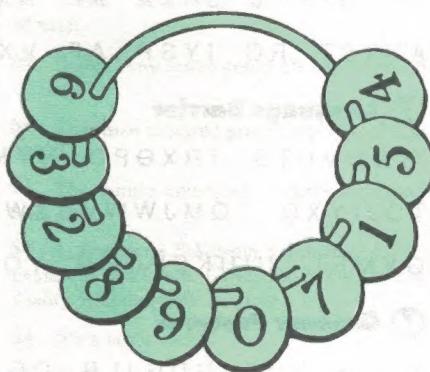
A man has six identical pairs of gloves, which he keeps in a drawer. He goes to the drawer one night in the dark to take a pair of gloves. How many gloves must he take in order to guarantee that he gets a pair?—L.H. Clarke, *Fun With Figures*

57 Songwriting team: 6, 3, 5



52 Going in Circles

The ring in the illustration below holds ten discs, numbered with the ten digits from 0 to 9. The puzzle is to divide them into three groups without removing any from the ring so that the first group multiplied by the second makes the third group. For example, we might divide them into the groups: 2; 8907; and 15463, by bringing the 6 and the 3 around to the 4. Unfortunately, 2 times 8907 is not equal to 15463. Can you separate them correctly?



—Henry Ernest Dudeney, *Amusements in Mathematics*

53 Sibling Quibbling

A girl said, "I have as many sisters as brothers." Her brother said, "I have only half as many brothers as sisters." How many boys and girls were there in the family?—Julian Longstreet, *Brain Teasers*

58 Constellation: 7



54 Fishing for Words

Place the name of a fish in each space below to form a longer word. The number of letters in each case is indicated by dashes.

1. F O R — — — — T E
2. — — — — M N
3. E M — — — — Y
4. — — — — A N C E
5. — — — — O W
6. — — — — E N T E R
7. T U R N — — — —
8. — — — I F Y
9. — — — A G E
10. A N G — — — —

—N.M. Meyer, Scotia NY

55 Sports Stumper

Everything's loaded. The first three men up hit singles. The fourth hits a double. There are no outs. No one has scored. In fact, no one has reached base! Why?—Steve Sommer, Anselmo, NE

56 Five-Letter Challenge

Can you supply two common English words, one of seven letters and the other of eight, that contain the letters ABCDE consecutively although not necessarily in that order?—Ralph Maus, Westborough, MA

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59 Country: 2,8

